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PREFACE

great progress in Music. The Author of this book, who has been many years employed in those Seminaries, convinced of the truth of such remark, and at the same time conscious that the difficulty of redressing it, arises from the shortness of time a Master can allow to each Scholar, where there are numbers to be taught, has at length after many experiments found that the best method of communicating the principles of Music to young Students is by way of Question and Answer. Thus, if twenty young Ladies learn music in the same School, which is not very uncommon; suppose, instead of one being taught the usual time, and then another called to take her place, the whole number were collected together, and while One is performing on the Harpsichord, the rest are as usefully employed in learning the Elements of Music; — some, the names and length of Notes; — some, the different Characters, and counting Time; others, copying Music &c. all which may be done with very little trouble to the Master; for while he is engaged with One at the Harpsichord, the rest may be question—ing and assisting each other in the principles of the Science here laid down.

By this method they must doubtless, learn more in one Lesson than by several in the common way.

That there is a necessity for some such Plan as this, any person who knows the great deficiency of Ladies in general with regard to the grammatical part of Music, will readily allow. — Perhaps it is not necessary for them to enter into the Minutiæ of the Science; but surely, after learning a competent time, they ought to know how to perform any piece of Music not extremely difficult, from their own resources only; which they can never do, unless they be at first well grounded in the principles of Time and other requisites:

And I again repeat it, that in a School where there are numbers to be taught, a Mafter cannot allow a fufficient time to each Scholar for compleating these purposes; if, while he is engaged without only, all the rest are unemployed.

The want of necessary knowledge (not of finger or ear) is the great reason why, after many years practice, so many of our semale Personners give up Music. — Lest to themselves, they too frequently meet with difficulties which they are unable to conquer: till at length vexed to find their best endeavours ineffectual, they will no longer endure the mortification of such frequent disapointments.

Thus, a delightful and rational entertainment is loft both to themselves and friends, through the want of being properly grounded at first, in the principles of the Science.

It is to be hoped the judicious and candid Mafter, if he affent to the truth of the above remarks, will have no objection to a Plan, which will fave him much trouble in writing for his Scholars. — If many are to be taught, his task is not easy. No aid is to be flighted. — Every assistance is to be wished for; and surely the use of this Book can no more affect his importance, than that of a Teacher of a Language is lessened, by making use of Grammars, and other means of assistance for young beginners.

Music affords an ample field for investigation: there is enough for the Master to do, as well as the Scholar; who, after he well understands this Book, and can perform all the Lessons; if he aims at higher attainments, must still remember; that Expression, the Soul of Music, can only be insufad into him by the Hand, and not by the Tongue, or Pen of the Musician.

CHAPTER I

LESSON I

On the Notes

Pupil, How many letters are made use of in Music?

Mafter, Seven.

P. Which are they?

M. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and after G, _A, B, C, &c. again,

P. How are the Names of the Notes diftinguished,

M. By their fituation on Lines and Spaces,

P. How many lines are made use of in Music?

M. Five __ The lowest is call'd the lft line, the next above the 2d line &c.counting upwards.

P. Are there no more than five lines used in Music?

M. Yes. The 1^{ft} additional line above the 5th line is call'd the 1^{ft} over Line, the 2^d the 2^d over Line &c. And the 1^{ft} additional line under the 1^{ft} line is call'd the 1^{ft} under Line, the 2^d the 2^d under Line &c.

P. What are the Names of the Notes on the different Lines in the Treble?

M. The 1st line is E, the 2dG, the 3dB, the 4th D, the 5th F, the 1st over line A, the 2dC, and the 3dE, the 1st under line C. and the 2dA.

P. Put thefe down in Notes.

M. Yes. they are thus placed



- P. What do you call Spaces?
- M. The intermediate distances between the lines.
- P. How do you name the Spaces?

M. Under the 1st line D, the 1st Space F, the 2st A, the 3st C, the 4st E, the 5st G. __ the 1st over Space B, the 2st D, & the 3st F. __ the 1st under Space B, the 2st G.

P. Put thefe down in Notes.



Exercise of the Treble Notes: the Names of all which the Scholar must be perfect in, before he proceeds to the 2d Lesson.

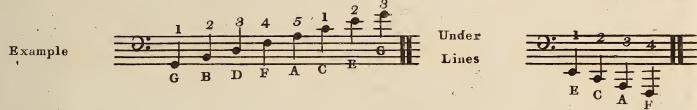


LESSON II

Pupil. How do you distinguish Treble Notes from Bass Notes?

Mafter. The Treble is distinguished by this mark being placed on the second line, from whence it is called the Treble, or G, Cliff And the Bass is known by this mark O. being placed on the fourth line, from whence is is called the Bass, or F Cliff

- P... What are the Names of the different lines in the Bafs?
- The 1. line G, the 2. B, the 3. D the 4th F, the 5th A. the 1. over line C, the 2. E, & the 3. G. M.



How do you know the Spaces in the Bafs? P.



XI have always found that Scholars are better grounded in their Notes by this, than by any other method. - The fituation of the Notes thus feparated, makes a stronger impression on the mind, than when they are placed in a Diatonic order, as in the Gamut.

NB. The French Masters generally begin to teach even their Harpsichord Scholars to Sing, or Sol Fa the Notes in the Scale; which feems to be a good method, to make them distinguish the whole Notes or Tones, from the half Notes or femitones _ In the above Scales the Semitones are all marked

LESSON III

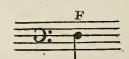
Which should be omitted till the Scholar has made some proficiency.

Pupil. Are there no other Cliffs made use of in Music, besides the Treble and Bass Cliffs?

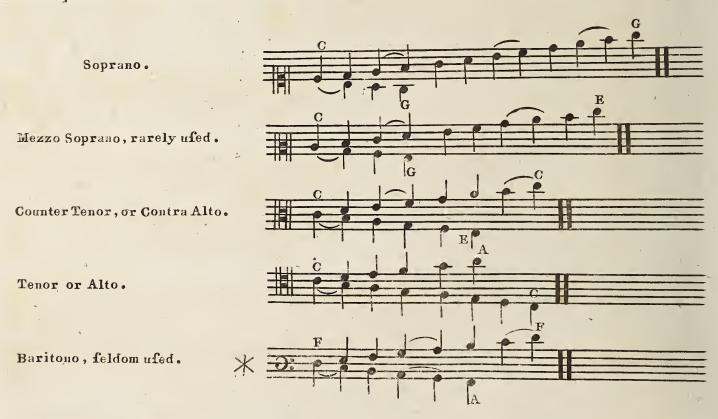
Master. Yes. there are four others. The Tenor, or Altus. the Counter Tenor, or Contra Alto; the Mezzo Soprano, and the Soprano, In which last Cliff the Italians write their Treble or upper Part. — These are all called C, Cliffs; because on whatever Line the Cliff stands, a Note there placed is always called C; and the other Notes follow progressively as in the Gamut.



- P. Does the Bass or F Cliff ever change its position?
- M. Yes. It is fometimes, but rarely, placed on the 3d Line



Example of the different C, Cliffs with their usual compass for the Voice.



* Modern Composers avoid using the C, Cliffs as much as possible, and indeed they only tend to increase difficulties; for all Harpsicord Music may be written, and perform without them; however, they are of great use in Vocal Music, to arrange the different Voices, also in Transpo_fition, and composing the French Horn parts in a Score.

CHAPTER II

LESSON IV

Pupil As I suppose myself perfect in the names of the Notes, by what method am I to know them on the Harpficord?

Mafter. All Harpficords are composed of long and short Keys: the long Keys are called natural Notes, (though they are not always so) and the short Keys between the long ones, are called Flats and Sharps. There are two short Keys, and three short ones alternately throughout the Harps.

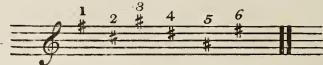
The long Key about the center of the Instrument, between the two short Keys is D, and the long Key between the upper of the next three short Keys is A. so that by counting the long Keys only to the right hand from any D, or A, according to the Gamut, you know the Names of all the Notes on the Harpsicord.

- You faid the long Keys were natural Notes and the short ones sharps and flats; now as there is no short Key between E & F, nor between B & C, which is E sharp, and which is E sharp?
- M. E&F, and B&C, are only femitones, or half tones from each other; confequently Esharp must be Fnatural, and B sharp Cnatural, _ F flat must be Enatural, and CFlat B natural.
- P. Pray tell me the difference between Notes and Tones?
- M. Notes are the identical Characters from which you play, and Tones, are the distances from from one Note to another.
- P. What is the meaning of a Sharp?
- M. A Sharp mark'd thus #, raifes the Note before which it is put, half a tone higher. thus, if a Sharp is placed before F, instead of putting down the long Key F natural, you must put down the short Key on the right hand, immediately above it, and so of all the rest.
- P. What is the meaning of a Flat?
- M. The contrary to a fharp. a Flat marked thus b, lowers the Note before which it is put, half a Tone, thus. if a Flat is placed before B, instead of putting down the long Key B natural, you must put down the short Key on the left hand immediately below it, and so of all the rest.
- P. What is the meaning of a Natural?
- M. A Natural marked thus b, either raifes or lowers a Note in order to leave it in its original fituation. If a Natural in the fame Bar fucceeds a Sharp, it has then the effect of a Flat. Example and if it fucceeds a Flat, it has then the effect of a Sharp.
- P. How are Sharps placed in order?
- M. Sharps proceed by fifths afcending, from the Note B, which is the sharpest Note in the natural

* This Leffon is of little use, where the Student has the benefit of a Master: but as the situation of many may deprive them of that advantage, the Author wishes to give every assistance in his power.

Scale. thus, the 1st Sharp is always F, the 2d C, the 3d G, the 4th D, the 5th A, and the 6th E, therefore if there is but one Sharp in a Tune it can be no other than F, if two Sharps F&C, if three F,C,&G, if four F,C,G&D,&c.

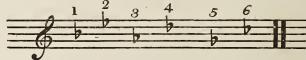
Order of Sharps



P. How are Flats placed in order?

M. Flats proceed by fourths afcending from the Note F, which is the flatteft Note in the natural Scale. thus, the 1st Flat is always B, the 2^d E, the 3^d A, the 4th D, the 5th G, and the 6th C, & thefe, like the Sharps never vary.

Order of Flats

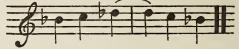


P. Are there not new, or accidental Sharps, Flats, or Naturals in the course of the Music, befides what are mark'd at the beginning next the Cliff?

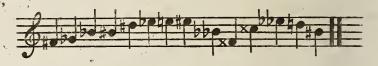
M. Yes, but they affect only every Note in that particular Bar in which they are marked; for if there happen to be a Bind between the last Note of one, and the first Note of the next Bar, they are both considered but as one Note.

Example

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Exercise, on the Sharps, and double Sharps, the Flats, and double Flats, for the Scholar to explain from the above Instructions.

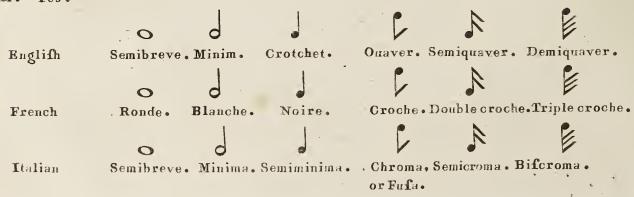


CHAPTER III

LESSON V

Of the different length of Notes.

- P. How many different forts of Notes are used in Music?
- M. Six. A Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Ouaver, Semiquaver & Demiquaver.
- P. Write them down in English, French and Italian.
- M. Yes.



Pupil. What is the length of a Semibreve?

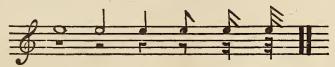
Mafter. A Semibreve is as long as, or takes (an eafier word for Harpficord Performers) 2 Minims, or 4 Crotchets, or 8 Quavers, or 16 Semiquavers, or 32 Demiquavers.

- P. What is the length of a Minim?
- M. A Minim takes 2 Crotchets, or 4 Quavers, or 8 Semiquavers, or 16 Demiquavers.
- P. What is the length of a Crotchet?
- M. A Crotchet takes 2 Quavers, or 4 Semiquavers, or 8 Demiquavers.
- P. Write them down.
- M. Yes.



- P. Are there not marks of filence called Refts?
- M. Yes. A Rest is equal in length to the Note it represents; Which Note is placed in the following Example over the Rest.

Example of Refts

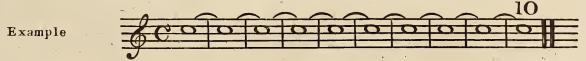


P. Are there not frequently whole Bars refted?

M. Yes; as follows



Frequently in modern Overtures or Concertos; where one Note is held on for many Bars; In order to relieve the Eye, the number of Bars are mark'd by figures at the End.



* Where Refts are placed, that hand should be immediately taken from the Keys during the time of the Rest. It is a fault (too common with many Performers) to keep the Key down which

CHAPTER IV

LESSON VI

Of the duration of Sound called TIME, and the manner of counting it throughout all its proportions.

Pupil. How many forts of Time are there?

Mafter. Two. Common Time, and Triple Time.

P. How do you distinguish Common Time?

M. By fome of these marks C C D 2 being placed at the beginning of any Piece of Music.

P. What quantity of Notes has Common Time in a Bar?

M. Common Time has always 4, or to the value of 4 Minims, Crotchets or Ouavers in a Bar.

P. How do you count Common Time?

M. I count, or beat 4 equal motions for a Semibreve, 2 for a Minim; & I for each Crotchet.

P. Suppose there happen to be Quavers and Semiquavers in a Bar, how do you then proceed?

M. For Quavers, I fay 1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and. For Semiquavers I double them thus:

1-a-nd,2-a-nd,3-a-nd,4-a-nd.

Example of Common Time counted flow, by 4 Crotchets in a Bar.



- P. How do you count Common Time mark'd 2 at the beginning?
- M. If the Words Largo, Larghetto, Andante, be placed at the beginning; or any other words denoting a flow Movement, I then count by 4 Quavers in a Bar; and in this cafe I make Ouavers as long as I did Crotchets in the preceeding Example.

Example of Common Time mark'd 4, and counted by 4 Quavers in a Bar.

Largo

1-&-2-&-3-&-4-&-1 2 3 4 12 3 4 12 3 8 4 12 3 - & - 4 18 2 8 3 4 12

- P. In the Mood 2, do you always count by 4 Quavers in a Bar?
- M. No. If the Words Allegro, Vivace, Presto, or any others are written at the beginning denoting a quick movement, I count by 2 Crotchets in a Bar.

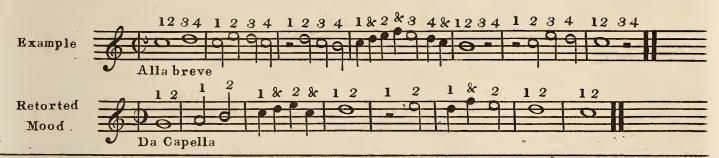
has a very difagreable effect, by continuing the vibration, where it ought to ceafe.

NB. Thus far advanced, the Scholar may proceed to practice the two first easy Tunes, returning afterwards to the 4th Chapter.

Example of Common Time markd 2, and counted by 2 Crotchets in a Bar.



- P. Are there no other species of Common Time, differently counted?
- M. Yes. The Alla breve C, And the retorted Mood .
- P. By what method do yo count them?
- M. The Alla breve is counted by 4 Minims in a Bar quick; and the retorted Mood by 2 Minims in a Bar quick.



LESSON VII

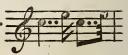
Of fimple Triple Time.

- P. How do you distinguish Triple Time?
- M. By some of these marks $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, being placed at the beginning of any Piece.
- P. What quantity of Notes has Triple Time in a Bar?
- M. Three, or to the value of 3 Minims, Crotchets or Quavers.
- P. What is the meaning of a Dot, or point placed at the end of a Note?
- M. A Dot, or point at the end of any Note or Rest, augments its value, and makes it just one

I have no doubt but this method of counting Quavers, and Semiquavers will appear Novel to many Muficians; However, a fair trial is to be wish'd for; I know how it has succeeded with my own Scholars. let it be considered, that in Common Time of 4 Crotchets in a Bar, where one is counted for each Crotchet, if these Crotchets be doubted and become Quavers, the Imagination must supply the length of the 2.4.6.4 & 8.4 Quaver, which is difficult for young beginners to do; whereas by the method here laid down, they count very easily, the vacancy being filled up by the word And.

Pupil. What is the meaning of two dots at the end of a Note?

Mafter. Two dots at the end of a Note or Reft, are equal to 3 quarters of the Note. Ex.



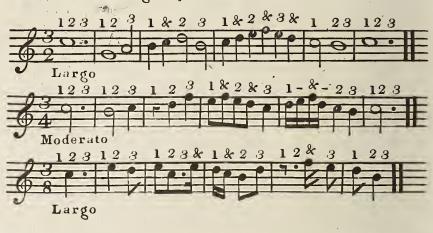
- P. How do you count Triple Time marked $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{3}{8}$?
- M. If 3 is marked, I count by 3 Minims in a Bar, if 4 by 3 Crotchets, & if 8 by 3 Quavers.
- P. Why are figures placed at the beginning of any Piece?
- the under Figure always fhews into how many parts the Semibreve, or measure Note is divided; and the upper Figure tells you how many of such Notes there are in a Bar. thus, if the under Figure be 2, it informs you the Bar confifts of Minims, because it takes 2 Minims to make a Semibreve; and the upper Figure being 3, shews, that there are 3, or to the value of 3 Minims in each Bar, and is marked thus $\frac{3}{2}$. If the under Figure be 4, as in this Mood $\frac{3}{4}$, it tells you there are 3, or to the value of 3 Crotchets in a Bar, because a Crotchet is the 4th part of a Semibreve. If the under Figure be 8, as in this Mood $\frac{3}{8}$, it shews that there are 3 Quavers in a Bar, because a Quaver is the 8th part of a Semibreve.
- P. Write down fome Examples of the method of counting Triple Time.

Example 1st Of fimple Triple Time counted by 3 Minims in a Bar.

Ex. 2^d Of fimple Triple Time, counted by 3 Crotchets in a Bar.

Ex. 3. Of fimple Triple Time counted flow by 3 Quavers in a Bar. NB. In this Example, Quavers are counted as flow as Crotchets were in the preceeding one.

Ex. 4th Of fimple Triple Time of 3 Quavers in a Bar, counted quick.





The rapidity of the Mood in the last Example, causes the beating every bar, to have a very disagreable Effect. it is therefore to be wished Composers would entirely lay it aside, and sub-stitute in its room the sextuple of Quavers mark'd thus g, which would exclude the horrid noise of such continual beating.

It certainly was the original intention of Theorifts, that in the Mood of Common Time mark'd 2, each Bar should be as quick again played as in this Mood C of 4 Crothets in a Bar; and in Triple Time the mood 3, should be as quick again as 3, but the truth is, modern Musicians

LESSON VIII

Of mixed and compound Triples.

Pupil. What do you call mixed and compound Triples?

Mafter. Mixed and compound Triples are form'd by collecting two, three, or four Bars of the quick fimple Triples into one; and are thus marked.

Sextuple or of Crotchets markd
$$\frac{6}{4}$$
 Dodecuples of Crotchets $\frac{12}{4}$ of Crotchets $\frac{9}{4}$ double Triples of Quavers $\frac{6}{8}$ or Quadruple of Quavers $\frac{12}{8}$ Nonuples of Quavers $\frac{9}{8}$ of Semiquavers $\frac{16}{16}$ Triples of Semiquavers $\frac{12}{16}$ of Semiquavers $\frac{9}{16}$

NB. Those markd thus + are feldom or never used .

P. Give me an example of counting fuch mix'd and compound Triples as are to be met with in Mufic.

Mixed Triples

Ex.Of the Sextuple of Crotchets, counted by 6 Crotchets in a Bar, or by twice 3.

Of the Sextuple of Quavers, counted by 6 Quavers in a Bar, or by twice 3.

NB. Quavers are counted as flow in this, as Crotchets were in the preceeding Example.

Of the Sextuple of Quavers counted quick.

Of the Dodecuple of Quavers counted flow, by four times 3 Quavers in a Bar.

Of the Dodecuple of Quavers counted quick.

Compound Triples

Of the Nonuple of Quavers.

Of the Nouuple of Semiquavers .



When the Scholar is perfect in counting time as above, but not before; he may proceed to be at only once, at the first Note of every Bar _ The rule for Common Time, and the mix'd Triples is, for the Foot to be down the first half of the measure and up the second half; and in the simple and com_pound Triples, the Foot to be down the first two thirds, and up the last third of the measure.

pay very little regard to the different Moods or Figures at the beginning, any farther, than as they afcertain the exact quantity of fuch fort of Notes in a Bar as the figures specify. For in regard to the speed of performing any Piece, they depend chiefly on the Italian words placed at the beginning of a movement, after all it must be allowed that the absolute Time in which different Pieces should be performed, is the most undetermined matter in the whole Science of Music.

I have dwelt longer, and given more examples for counting Time throughout all its moods, than perhaps is to be found in any other production of this kind, because I think it of the greatest consequence. a thorough knowledge of its principles, and counting it, is but too much neglected by Harpsichord Performers, and if they are not properly grounded in it at first, they rarely attain it afterwards. The same neglect may be too frequently observed in Performers on the Violin; how many of the Dilletante, or Gentlemen Performers well qualified in other respects, are doom'd to solitary amusement, and render'd quite useless in a Concert, merely because they were not made to count the Time properly at the beginning.

CHAPTER V LESSON IX

Of the different Characters, and Terms made use of in Music.

Pupil. What do you call a Bar ?

Mafter. A Bar is thus made and ferves to divide the Tune into fmall quantities.

- P. What do von call a double Bar?
- M. A double Bar, thus made from the flows the end of a Section, or part of the Tune; and if it be dotted fuch part must be repeated.
- P. What is the meaning of a Hold?
- M. A Hold mark'd thus is an unmeafur'd Paufe or fuspension; to give the Performer an opportunity of dwelling on some particular Note, longer than its due time, or to add other Notes at pleasure. It it also called a Close or Sign, in which case it means that the Tune ends there:

 Fine dal Segno, or end at the Sign.
- P. What is the meaning of a Repeat?
- M. A Repeat *8. is often placed at the beginning or fome other part of a Piece; and means to repeat from that mark, wherever it be found, and to end at the Hold or Sign.
- P. What is the meaning of the Italian Words Da Capo?
- M. They mean to begin again, and end with the first Part.
- P. What is the meaning of a Bind?
- M. A Bind is a curved line placed between two Notes and shews that the second Note is not to be struck; but that the first Note be continued, or held down the length of both.

Formerly, and even now, many Authors inftead of writing two Notes, and using the Bind,

express the second Note by a Dot, thus.



- P. What is the meaning of a Slur?
- M. A Slur is made fomething like a Bind, when placed over feveral Notes, it fignifies to Violin Performers, that they are all to be play'd in one Bow to Harpficord Performers it means Legato, or a smooth, equal & connected touch.

Pupil. What is the meaning of Staccato?

Mafter. The reverse of Legato, Staccato fignifies distinct or pointed; and Notes thus marked must be play'd with a certain spring of the Fingers.

- P. What is the meaning of a Figure of 3, or Figure of 6; with a Slur over 3 or 6 Notes?
- M. A Figure of 3 over any three Notes means that they are confider'd but as two, in the Time, thus. a Figure of 3 over three Quavers means that they are all to be play'd in the time of one Crotchet; and a Figure of 6 over Six Semiquavers means that they are all to be play'd in the time of two Quavers, or one Crotchet. Example
- P. What is understood by a Direct?
- M. A Direct, or Index, is a fmall w placed at the end of a line to fnew you the Name of the first Note in the following Stave.
- P. What is the fignification of Volti?
- M. Volti, at the bottom of a Page means to turn over the leaf. Volti Subito turn overquick.
- P. What is the meaning of the Italian Words Forte, Fortissimo, Piano, Pianissimo.
- M. Forte, means strong or loud, Fortissimo, very loud. Piano, soft. Pianissimo, very soft.
- P. What is the meaning of Smorzato?
- M. A kind of fmothering, or dying away of the Sound. much the fame as Diminuendo.
- P. of Tremando?
- M. A trembling or fhaking.
- P. of Crescendo?
- M. Increasing. This word following Piano, and preceeding Forte, means that the sound must be increased, and rife gradually stronger.
- One often meets with a ftroke, or two ftrokes, through Minims or Crotchets with Segue wrote under them, what do they mean?
- M. To play in the fame manner you had just before been playing. It is a modern invention, to fave the trouble of frequent repetitions in writing. Ex.
- P. What is the meaning of Tenute?
- M. That the Note, or Key must be held down .
- * Many Performers always use, and think this ought to be the common touch for the Harpsicord; but the best Masters are of a contrary Opinion, and generally use the Legato, which produces a better tone from the Instrument, by causing a more equal vibration of the Strings.

Segue

Segue

However I have inferted here, and in the next Page those generally used, and which are sufficient for the purposes of Expression. The Foreigners who are so fond of embellishing their sks with new Words, should remember, that though we like to play their Music, we are not

¹ and to learn their language.

CHAPTER VI

LESSON X

On the Graces, or ornaments of Expression.

Pupil. What is meant by Graces?

Mafter. Graces, are certain marks placed over or before Notes, by way of Embellishment, or Expression.

- P. Which are the principal Graces?
- M. The Shake & The Beat " The Turn and the Apogiatura 1.
- P. Explain the Shake .
- M. There are three forts of Shakes. 1st the turn d Shake, which is proper at all closes. it is made by shaking the tone, or half tone above, along with the principal note, using the 2d & 3d Fingers except between F# & E, or between C# & B. These Notes being more distant from each other, the hand will be less distorted by using the 1st & 3d Fingers. Secondly, the passing Shake, to which such Fingers are used, as naturally recur in the passage. Thirdly, the transient Shake, which is only used in quick descending Notes, and is differently prepared from the others.

Example of the different forts of Shakes.

As they are written

As they should be played



- P. Explain a Beat.
- M. A Beat differs from a Shake, by proceeding from the tone, or half tone, below the principal Note.

thus marked

Example of Beats

thus played



P. Explain a Turn.

M. There are 3 forts of Turns. the common Turn ~ the inverted Turn? and the plain note and

Turn - ~.

thus marked

Example of Turns

thus played



Pupil. Explain the Appogitura.

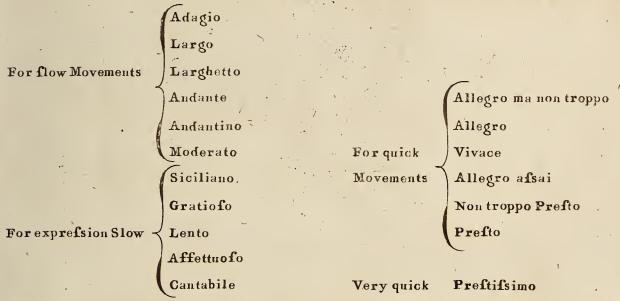
Mafter. The Word Appositura, is derived from the Italian Verb Appositure, to lean, or reft upon. It is a Note fmaller in fize than the principal Note which follows it, and to which it is a Grace. It is not reckon'd in the Time, for the Bar must be compleat without it; therefore, what—ever length is given to it, must be taken away from the principal Note which follows it.

Example of the Appogiatura, in which exactly half of the next, or principal Note is taken from it, and given to the Appogiatura.

Example of Appogiaturas, where more than half of the next, or principal Note is taken from it, and given to the Appogiatura.



Italian words made use of to express whether a movement is to be play'd flow, or quick.



CHAPTER VII

LESSONXI

Of the MAJOR and MINOR MODES, commonly called fharp and flat Keys.

Pupil. What is the meaning of a Major, or sharp Key?

Master. The last Note of the Bass in every regular movement is always called the Key Note; and if there be two whole tones or five Semitones, or half tones, from the Key note to the third above it, such movement is in a sharp Key.

Pupil. What is the meaning of a Minor, or flat Key?

Mafter. A Minor, or flat Key, has only a tone and a half or four Semitones from the Key Note to the third above it.

- P. Then a Tune is not known to be Sharp, or Flat, by the Sharps or Flats placed at the beginning next the Cliff.
- M. No: For a Tune may have fix flats at the beginning, and yet be in a fharp Key; and it may have the fame number of fharps and yet be in a flat Key __ As I faid before, it is by the diffance the Third above is from the Key Note, that we are to know whether any piece of Mufic, be in a fharp, or flat Key.
- P. Which is the natural Sharp, and which the natural Flat Key?
- M. The natural Sharp Key is C, and the natural Flat Key is A.
- P. Give me an Example in notes of the fharp Key of C. and the flat Key of A.

Ex. Of the natural fharp Key of C. Ex. Of the natural flat Key of A.



- P. How is it to be known in the course of an Octave, where the Semitones are placed?
- M. In all Major, or fharp Keys, the Semitones are always the next note below the Key, and the next note above the Third; and all the other degrees are whole tones, confider'd either afcending or descending. In Minor, or flat Keys which must be examin'd only in descending the Semitones are always the next note below the Sixth, and the next note below the Third; and all the other degrees are whole tones.
- P. What is a perfect, or common Chord?
- M. A common Chord is a 3d 5th 8th or 5th 8. 3. or 8th 3. 5. from the Bass Note or its Octave, reckoning upwards: consequently there are three ways of playing every common Chord.
- P. Give me an example of common Chords.



It may be objected that the above Lefson is more calculated for Thorough Bafs, than for Lefson Performers: But I think every Performer, at leaft ought to understand the nature of Keys, whether they be in the major or minor Mood; as well as to play the common Chord to any Note—

Nor do I fee any reason why a Lady should not know how to transpose any Song that may be too

high, or too low, in order to accommodate it to her Voice, for which reason the next Chapter shall treat of Transposition.

CHAPTER VIII

LESSON XII

Of Transposition.

Pupil. What is the meaning of Transposition?

Mafter. Transposition fignifies to remove any Piece of Music higher or lower, the better to accommodate it to the Voice, or any particular Instrument.

- P. Can a Song, or Piece of Mufic, be transposed out of any one Key into another?
- M. No. if a Song or piece of Music is in the major Mode, or sharp Key, it must be transpofed into some other Key which is sharp. and if it be in the minor Mode or flat Key, it must be
 transposed into some other Key which is flat.
- P. As you have already defined in Chapter 7. that all Keys may be known to be fharp, if the Third Note above the Key be diftant two whole tones, or five half tones from it; and that all Keys may be known to be flat, if the Third Note above the Key be only diftant a tone and a half, or four half tones from it; give me an Example, how a Tune that is in a fharp Key may be transposed into any other Key that is fharp.
- M. I will give you an Example of the first Part of God save the King transposed from the natural sharp Key of C. into seven other sharp Keys. and it must be observed that the addition of Sharps, or Flats next the Cliff, are to make the Semitones fail in the natural order, which they did in the Key of C, Viz. on the Note below the Key, and the next Note above the Third.

into Ep.

or a 3d higher into E.

or a 4th higher into F.

or a 4th lower into G.

or a 3d lower into A.

or a Note lower into B.

- P. Give me an Example of Transposing a Tune in a flat Key, into another Key that is flat.
- M. I will take the beginning of a Song of D. Arne's. My fond Shepherds of late &c. In the natural flat Key of A.



Observe, that in keys with sharps next the Cliff, any new sharp must be made a natural if you Transpose from such a Key, to a Key with flats at the beginning, and if you Transpose from a Key with flats next the Cliff, to one with sharps, a Natural in the first Instance must be con-verted into a Sharp in the second.

CHAPTER IX

Rules for Fingering.

Rule 1st The ends of the Fingers and Thumbs, should always be held over the Keys, whether used or rested.

efted. hand 2^d The wrifts fhould be turned a little outwards, and raifed equal with the knuckles of each

3. Every different Note must have a different Finger, unless a Rest, or Pause intervenes.

4th Never use the Thumb on the short Keys; except in very particular cases of many Sharps or Flats, where it cannot always be avoided.

5th The natural place of the right hand Thumb in afcending Notes is, immediately after, or to the right of flort Keys and in descending, its place is immediately before a short Key.

6. The natural place for the Bass, or left hand Thumb ascending is, before a short Key; and in descending, is generally immediately after a short Key.

7.th The Hand is faid to be in one fixed Position, when every finger covers its respective Key.

NB. The place for the Thumb

is thus marked . +

The 1. Finger 1

The 2d Finger 2

The 3d Finger 3

The little Finger 4

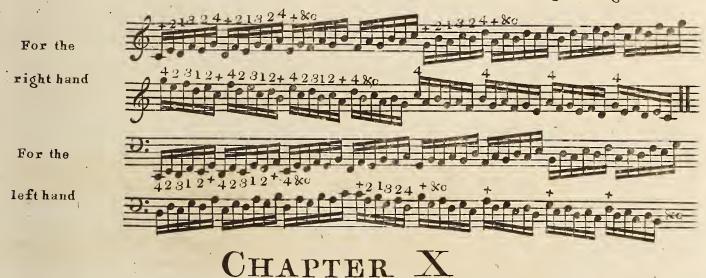


The fe examples may be practiced with the Bafs or left hand, in which cafe the Fingering becomes inverted; confequently you must begin with the little Finger, instead of the Thumb, & fo of the rest.

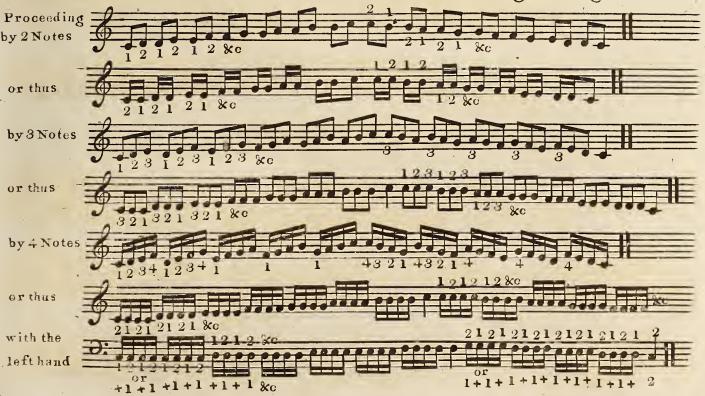
As the first two Tunes in the following Leffons, are in one fixed Position, they may now be practiced. Pupil. You faid in the first Rule, that the ends of the Fingers and Thumbs, should always be held over the Keys, and the Wrists raised in a line with the Knuckles, give me therefore a general Example for practice.

Mafter. I will give an Example, the conftant practice of which will not only incline both the Finzgers and Wrifts to be placed in a right position, but greatly advance execution.

General Example for attaining a right position of the Hands, and for quickening the Fingers.



Of different Evolutions, and the manner of contracting the Fingers.



Of the method of contracting the Fingers.

Perhaps there is nothing more necessary in order to play well, than to attain a thorough know-

- -ledge of contracting the Fingers. It is from a want of this knowledge that fo many Per-
- -formers, finger pafsages in an improper manner.

Example of the method many Performers finger the following Pafsage.

The fame passage as it ought to be play'd by contracting the Fingers



It may be observed that by the first way of singering the above passage, the position is altered at the end of every four notes, consequently the vibration of the Strings is interrupted, nor can every note be of an exact length. But in the second way, by contracting the Fingers, there appears from the effect, to be but one Position: the Notes being all of a length, causes a better Tone to be produced from the Instrument. Let therefore the following Examples be well under
flood and diligently practiced with both hands.

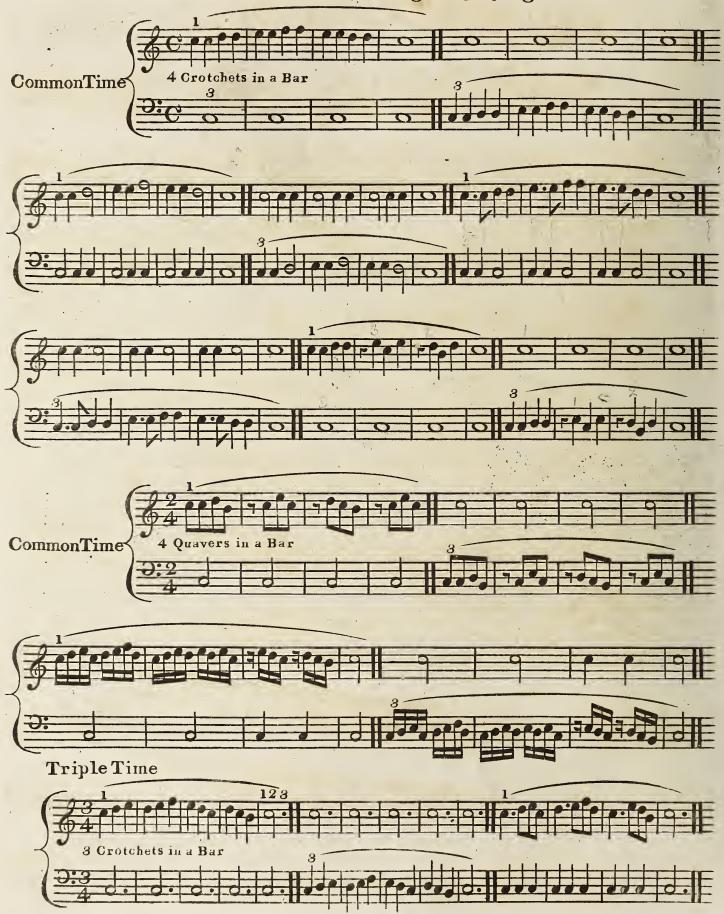






As no kind of fingering requires more practice than Extentions in order to play with facility; the Author would recommend the frequent use of the above Examples, which, tho' difficult,
will amply reward the Student for his trouble.

Exercises, for counting and playing in Time





As far as the curve line extends fuch Fingers are used as lie immediately over the Keys. It rather confuses the Performer to have the finger for every Note marked; therefore in the following Lessons the Fingers will only be marked over such Notes, where the position of the Hand must be changed.



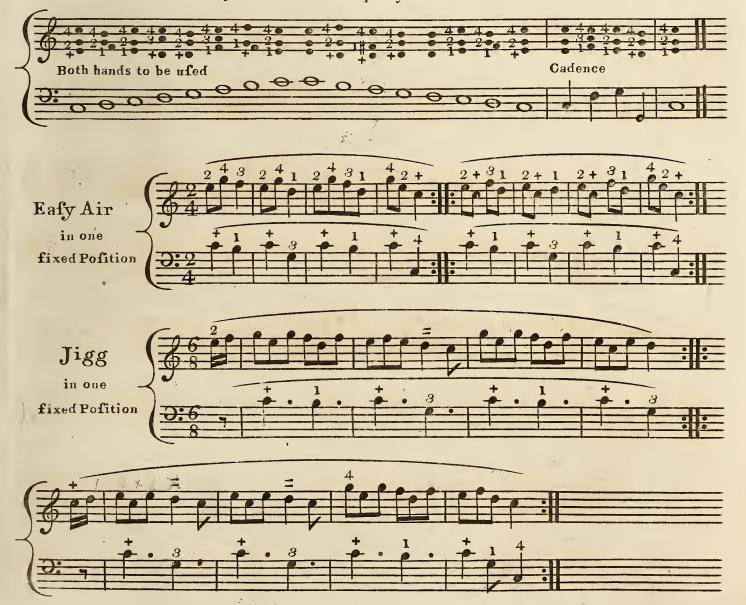
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Progressive Lessons for Practice.

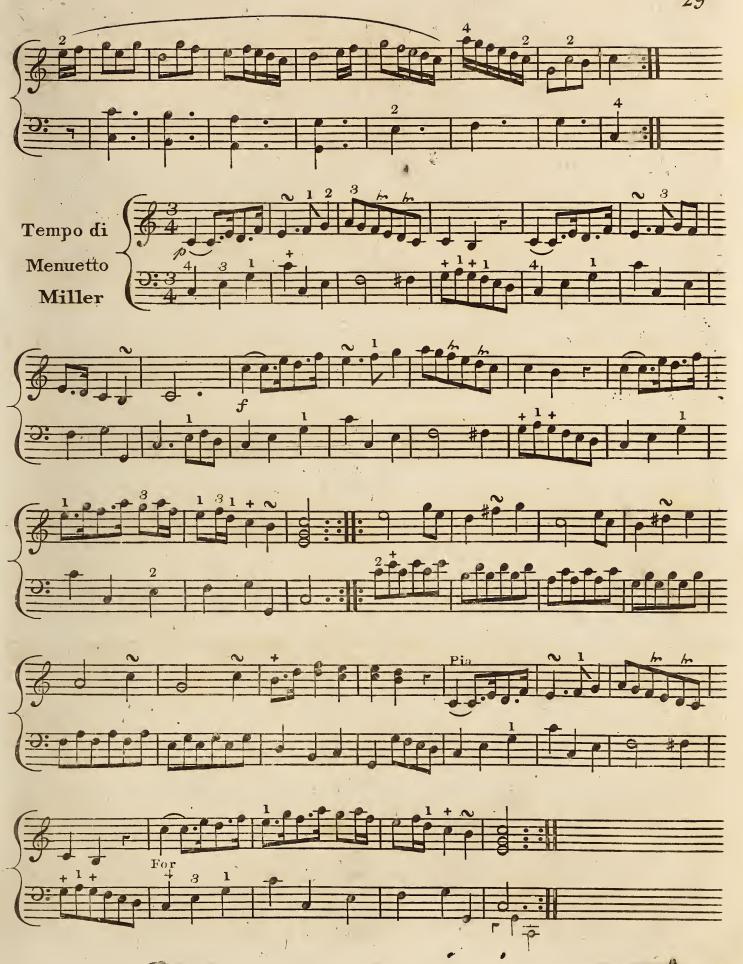
Method of fingering every Note in the Octave, Afcending and Defcending, in the natural sharp Key of C.

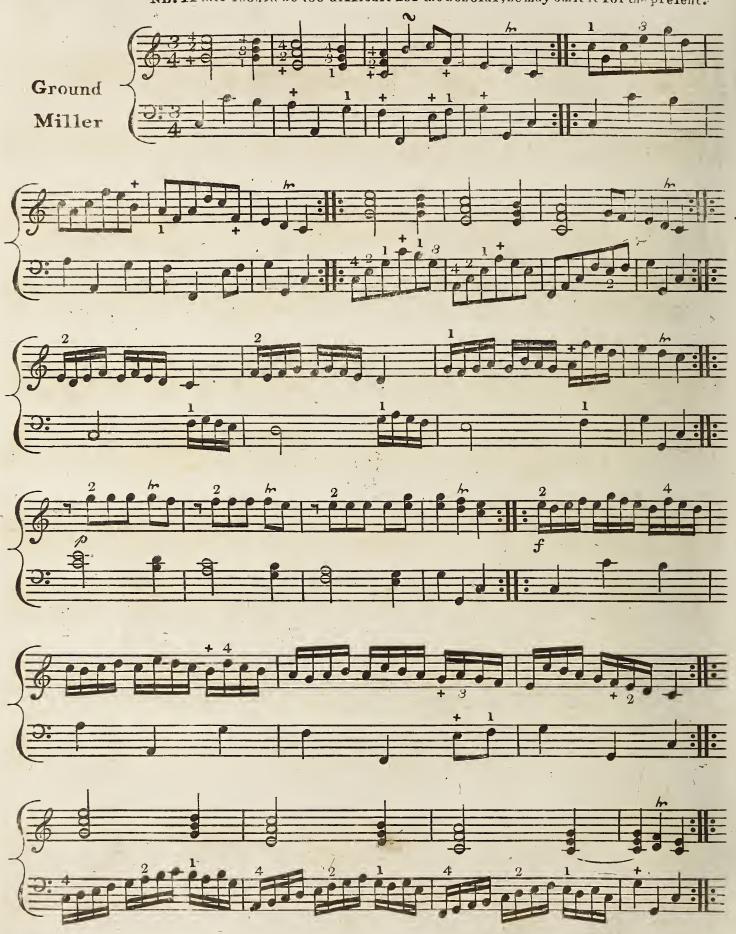


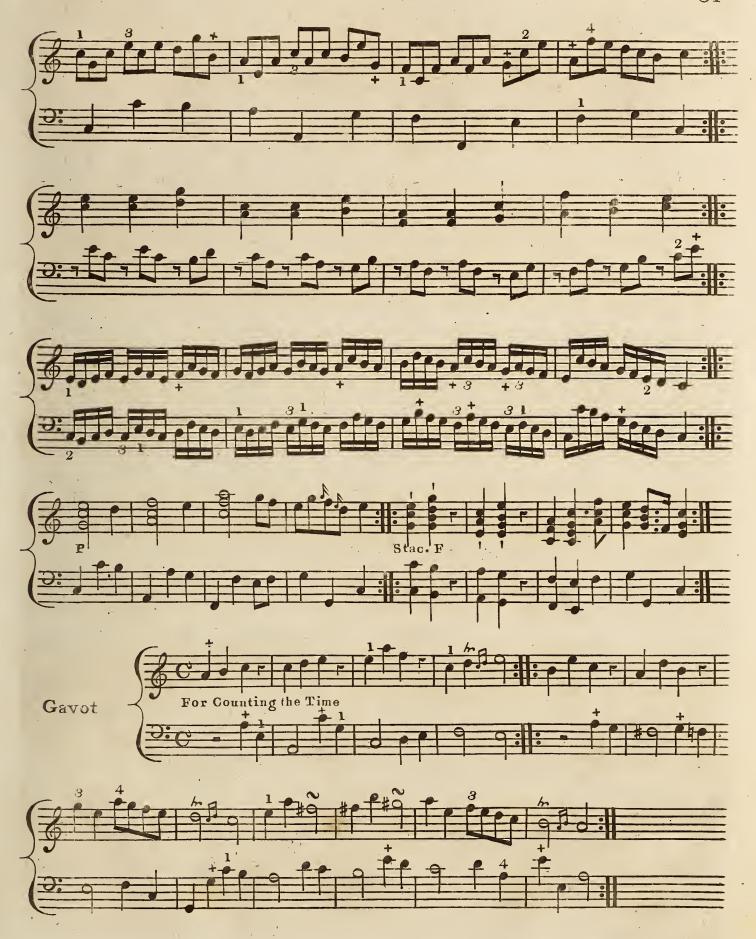
Modulation Of the Octave Ascending and Descending, in the Major, or natural sharp Key of C.

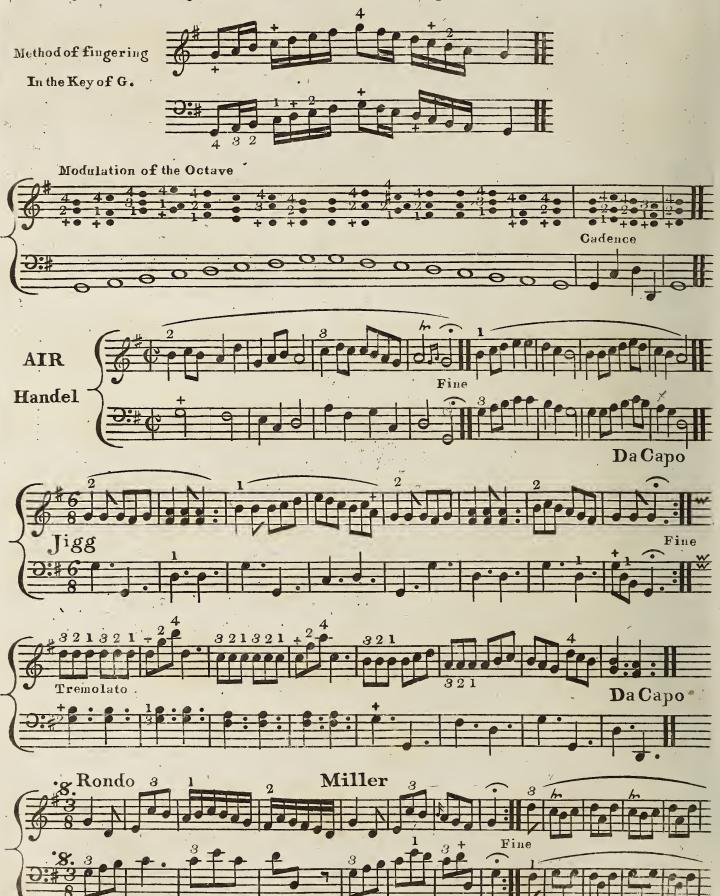


 28 NB. As far as the curved lines go, you take fuch Fingers as naturally lie over the Keys . Minuet by Rameau In two fix'd Positions Corelli NB. The Performer is advif'd never to alter the position of the hands for the wrong & flavish custom of always Thaking with the 2d & 3d Fingers. Air

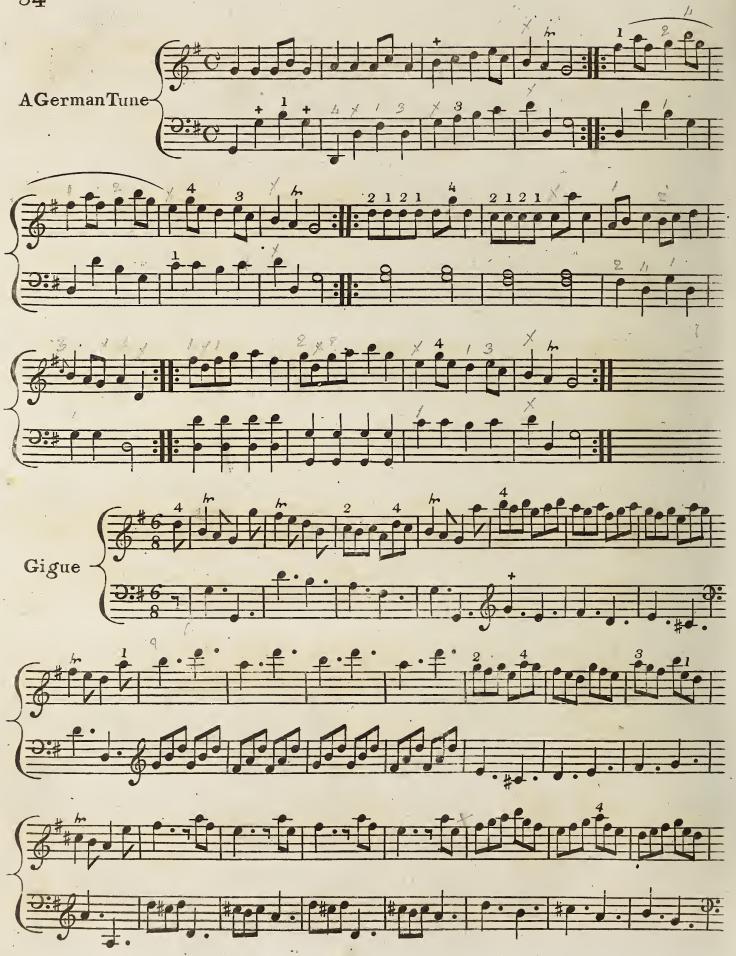


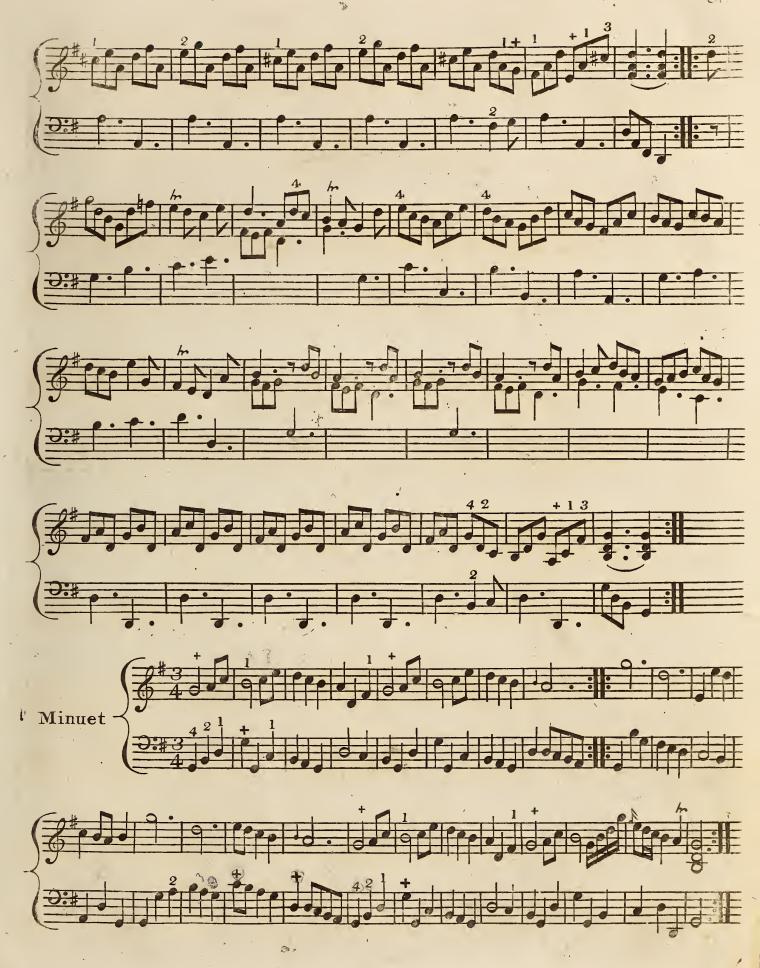


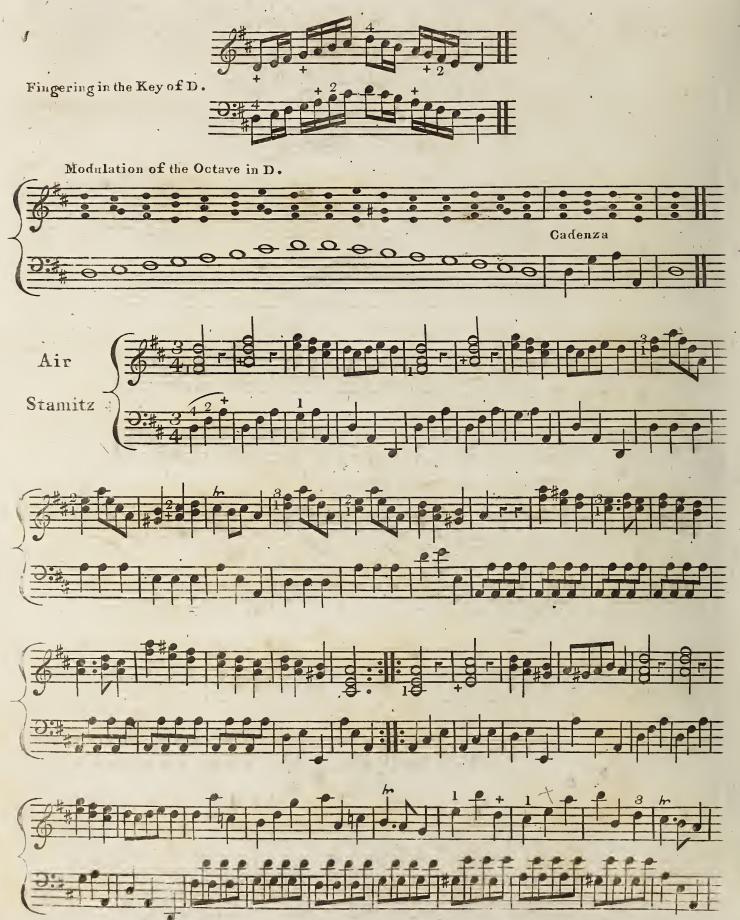


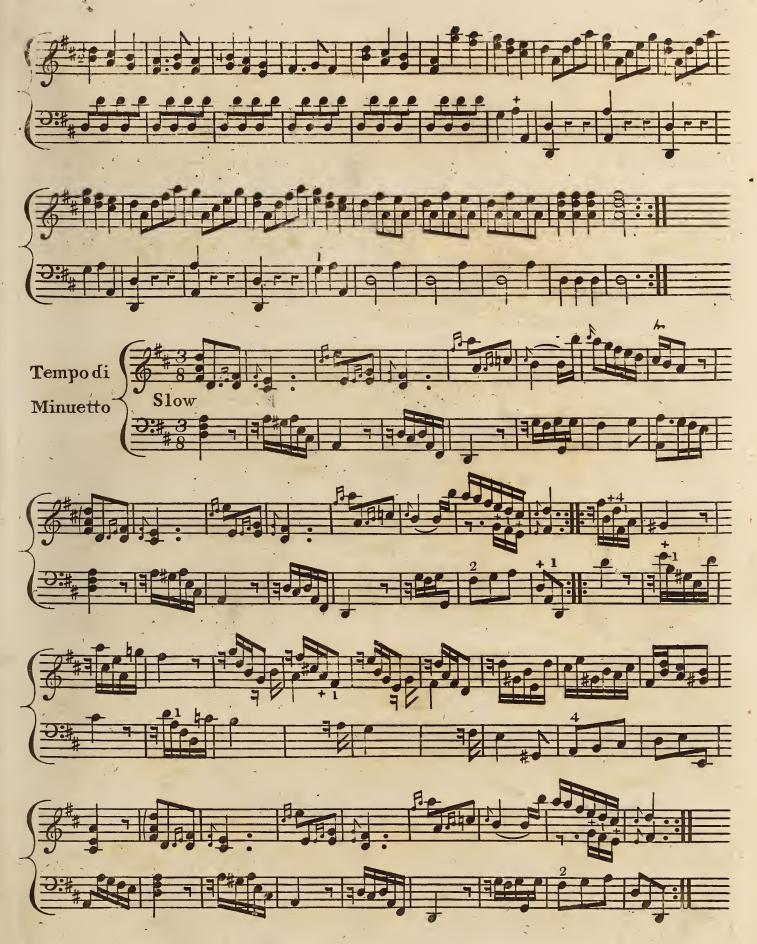






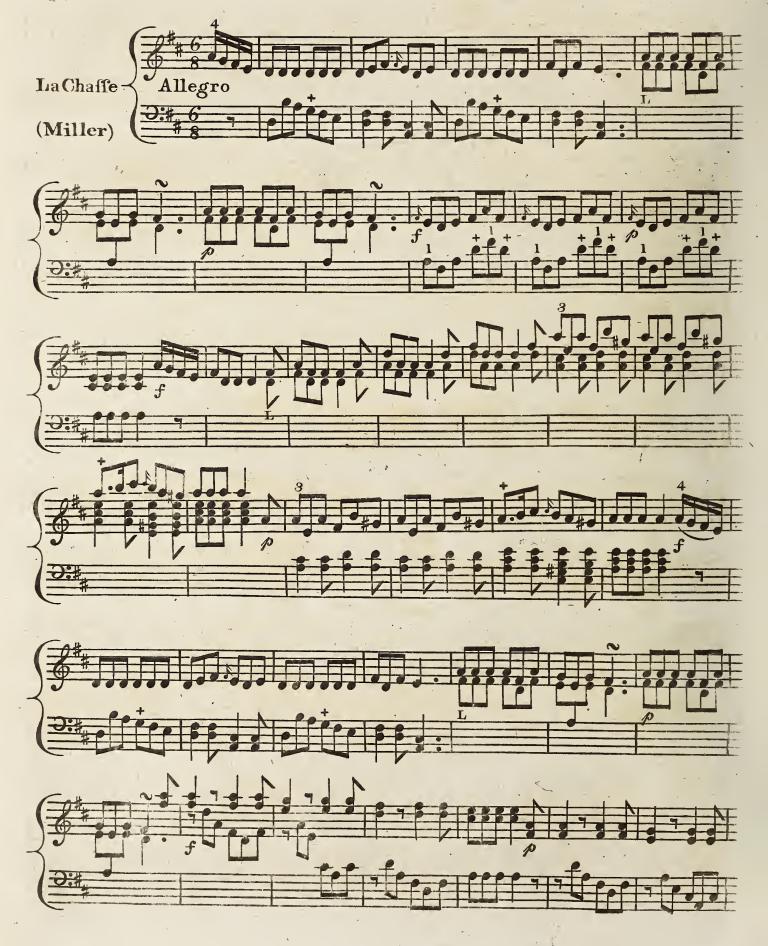




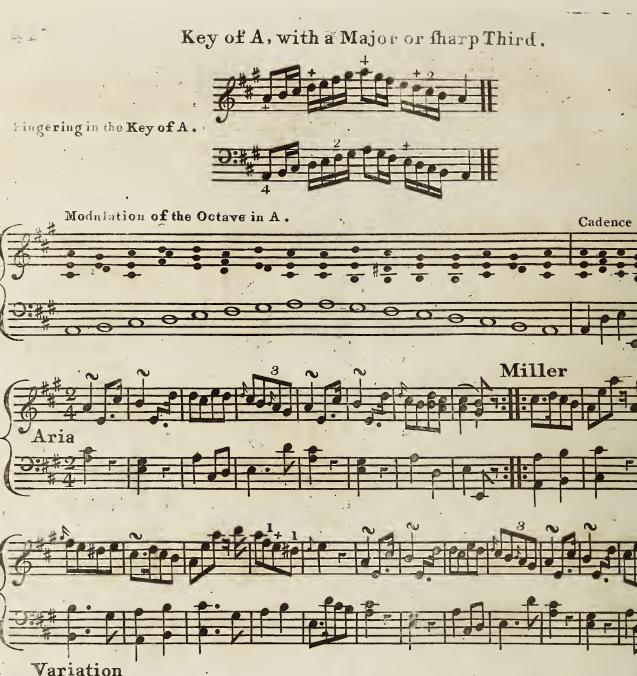


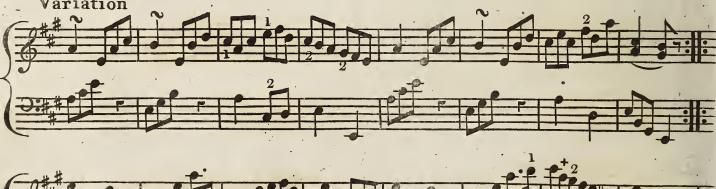




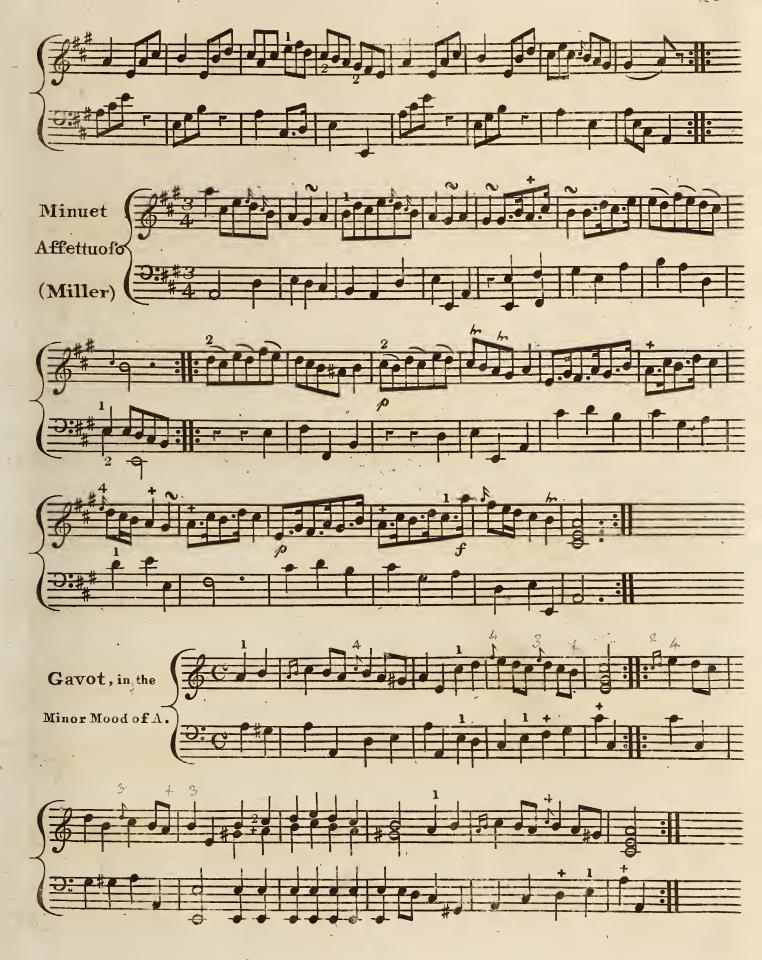


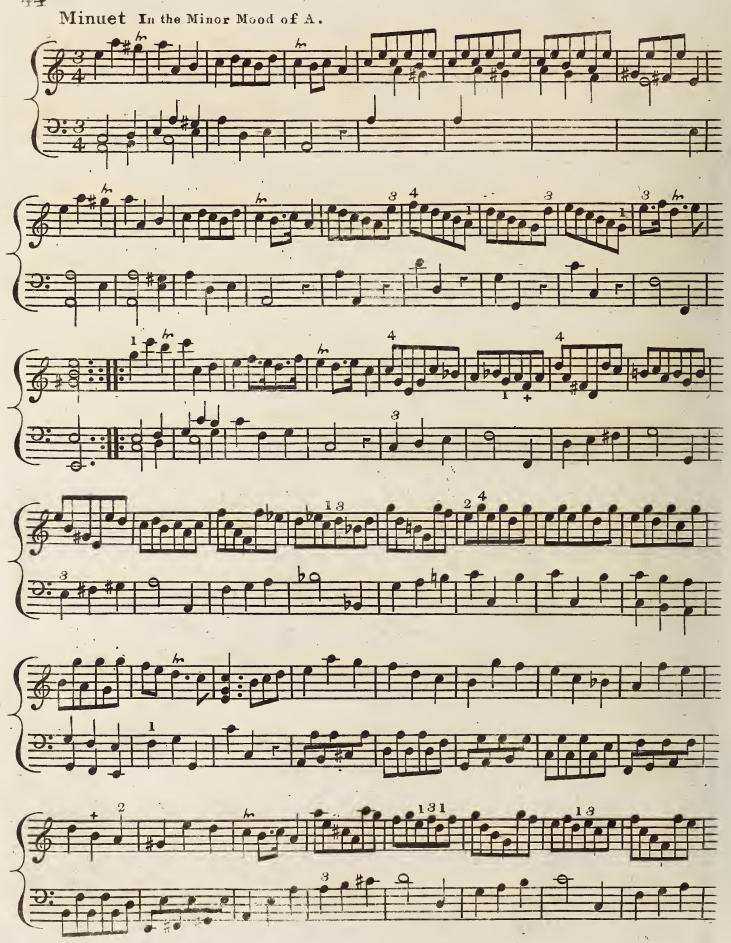


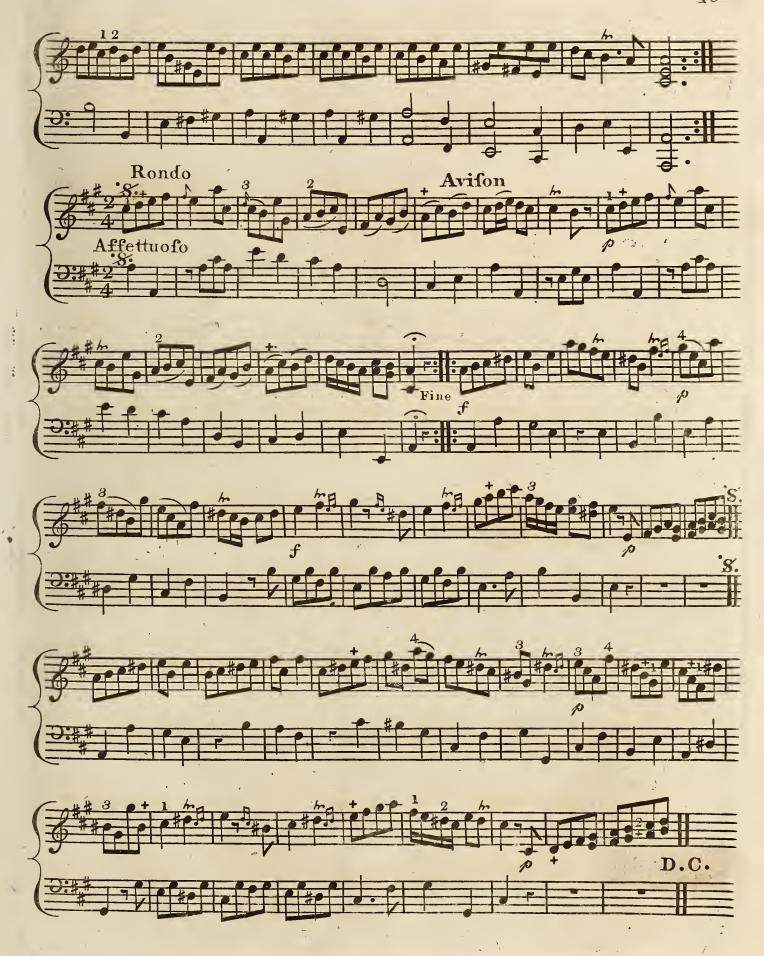


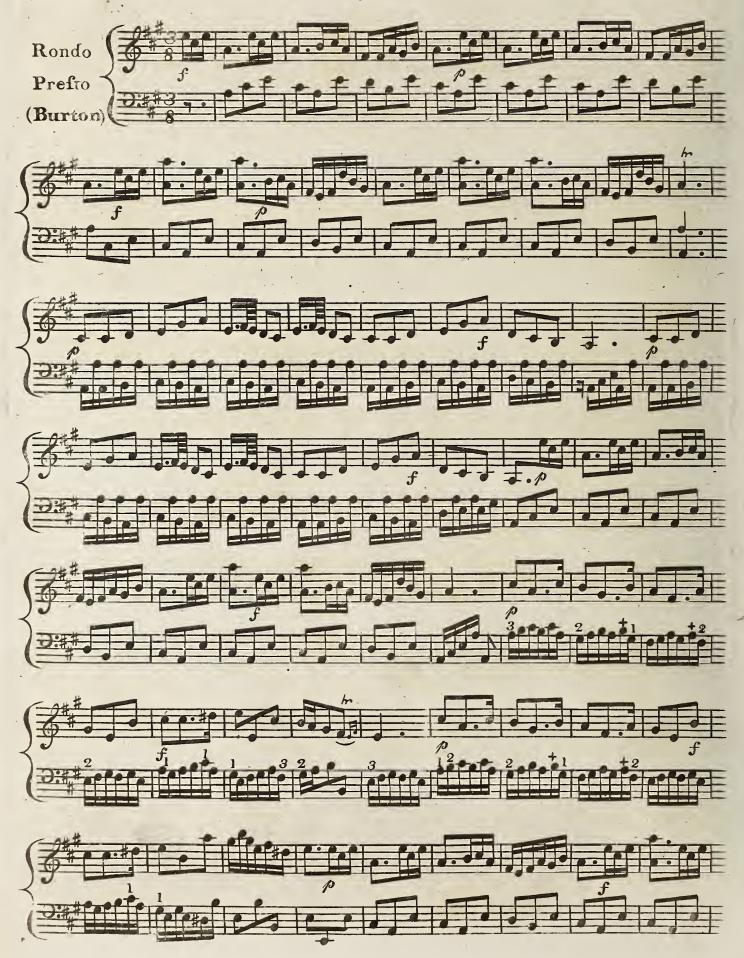


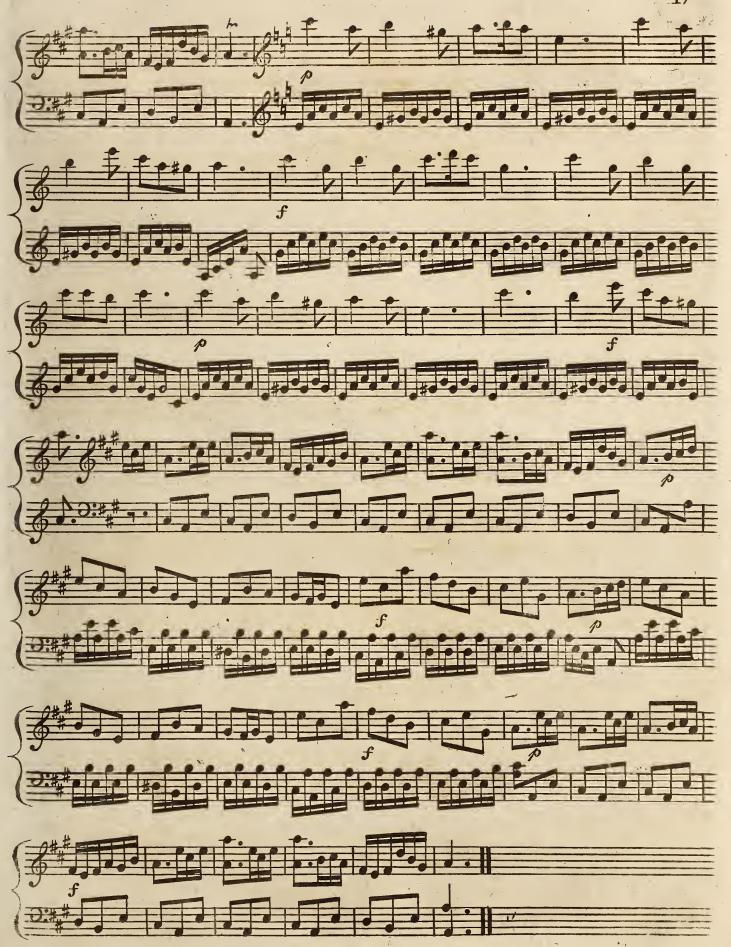




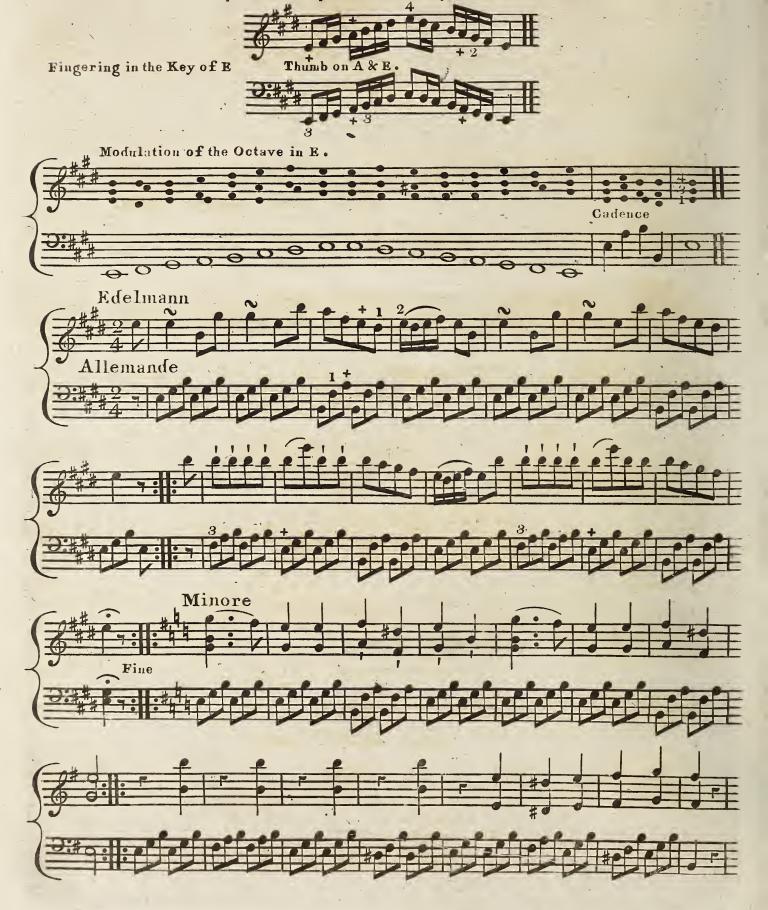




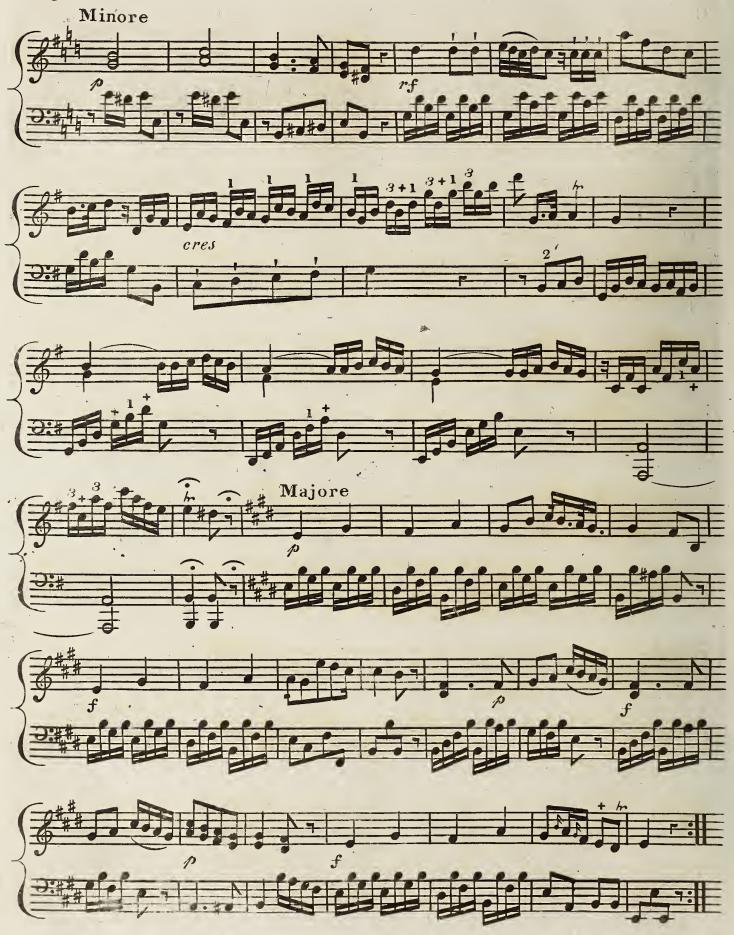


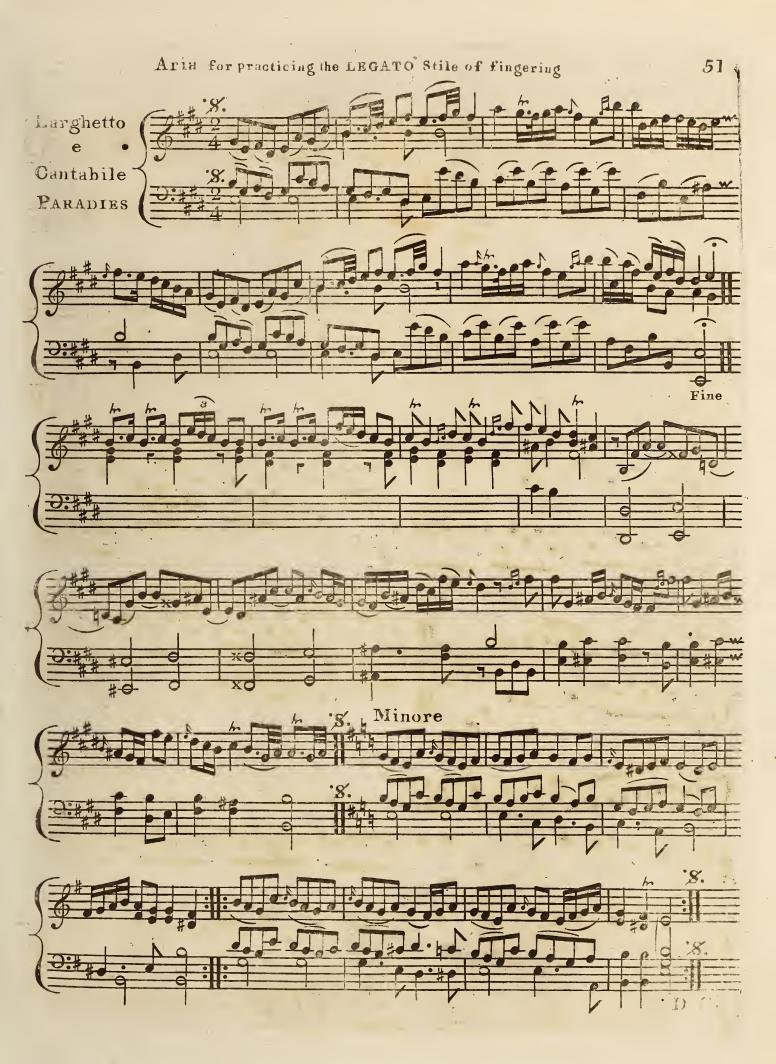


NB. If the Leffons in this Key are too difficult for the Scholar, he had better omit them for the prefent, and proceed to the Key of F, with one Flat.



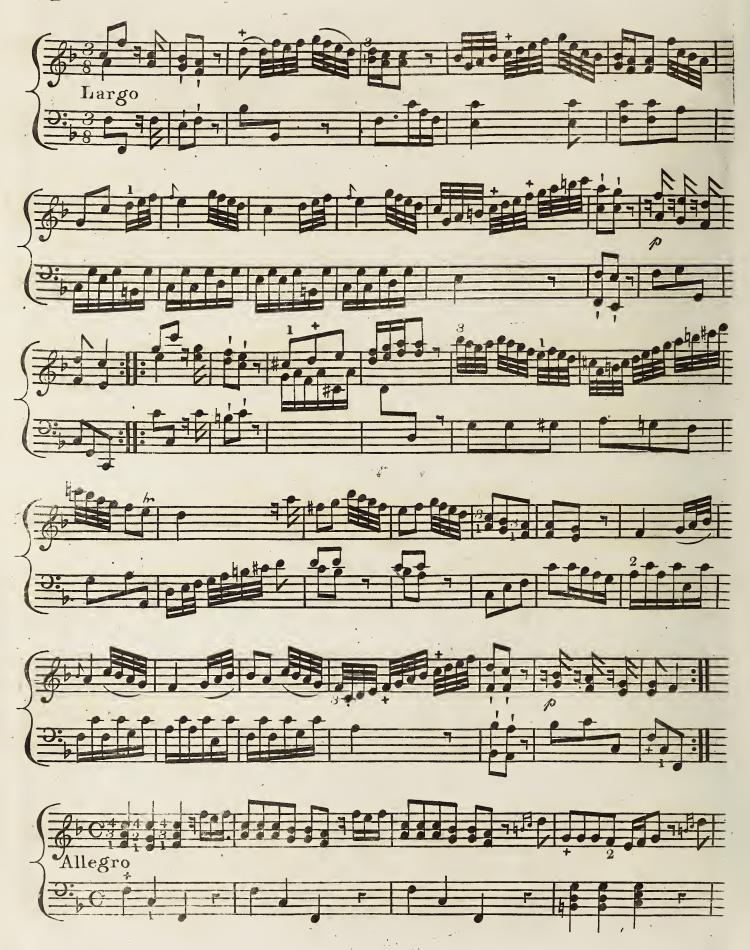




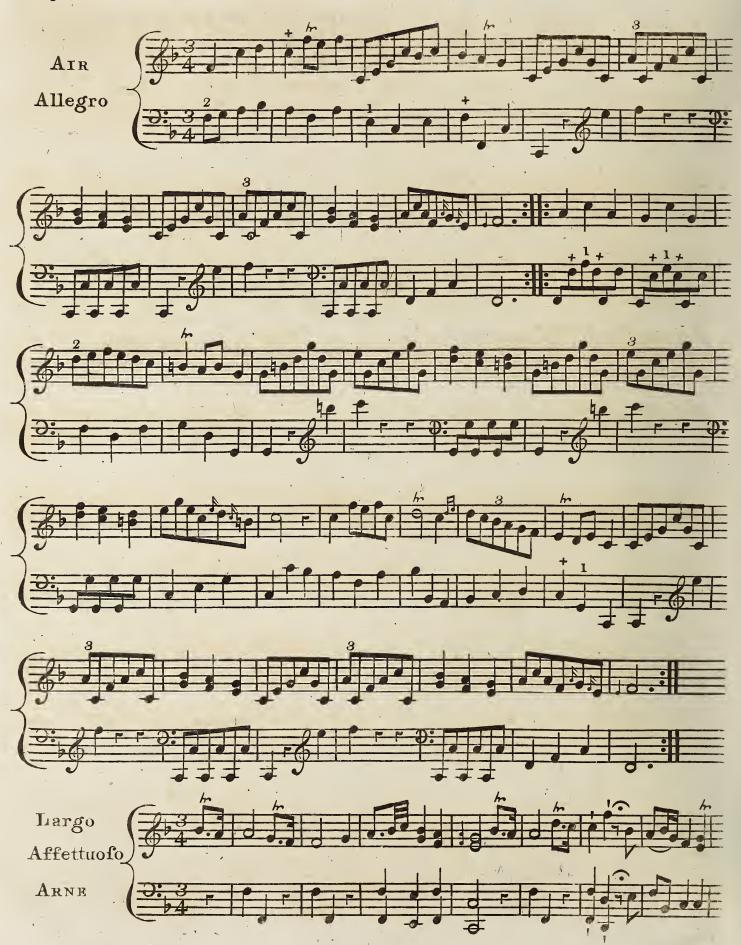


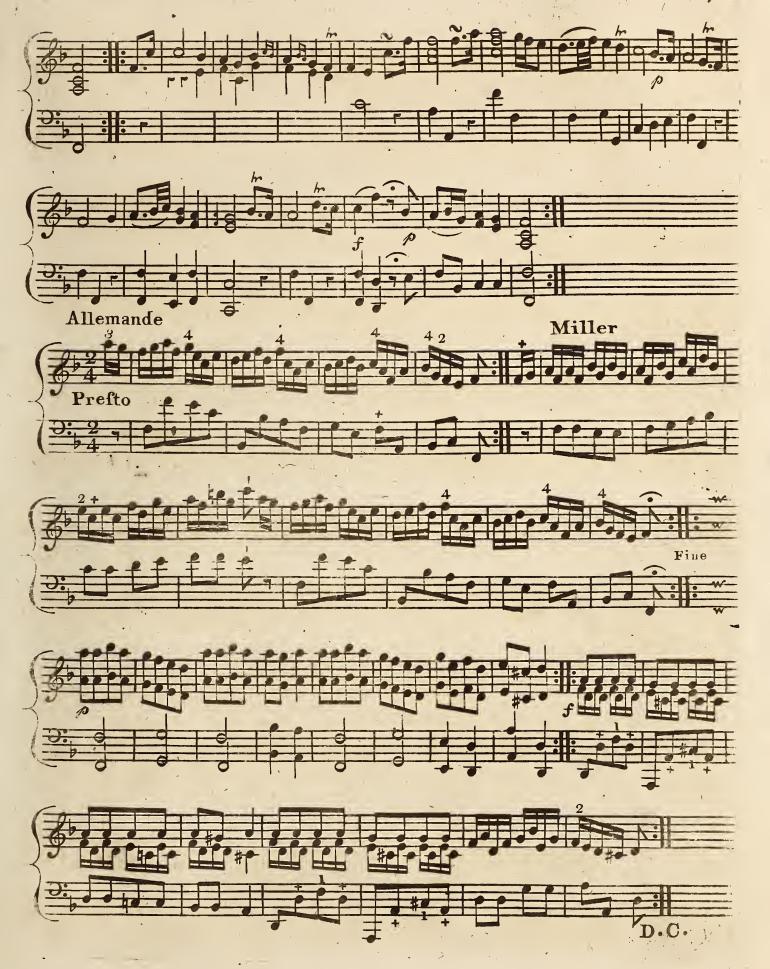


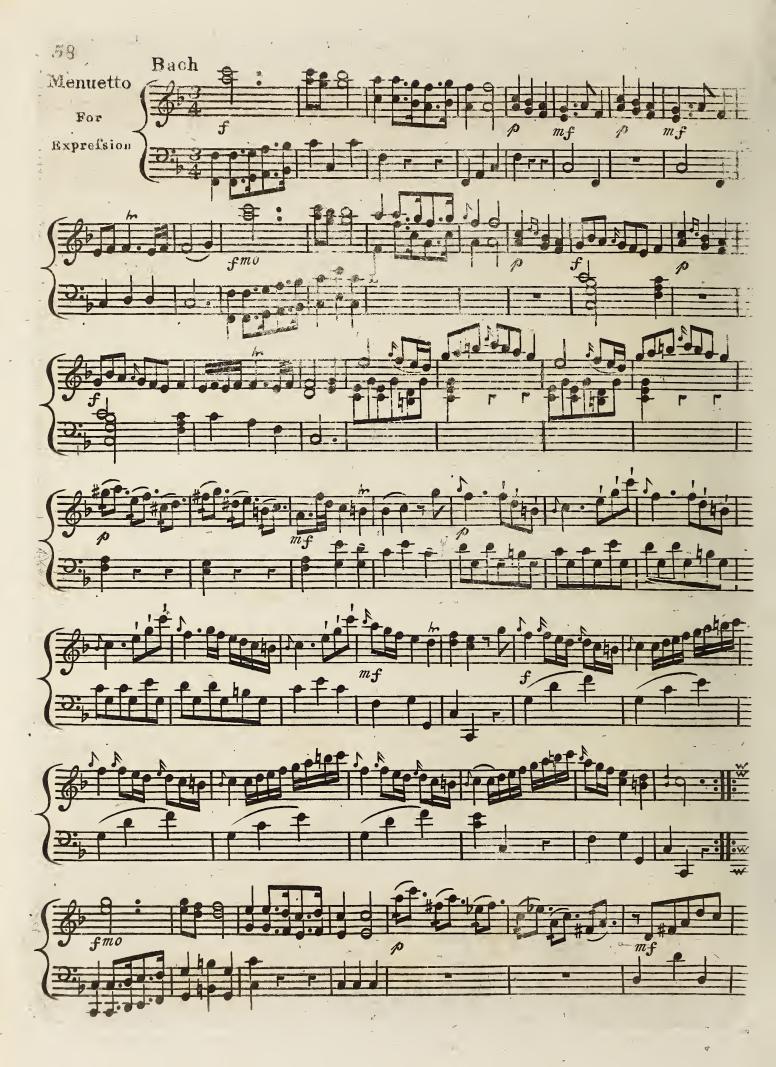






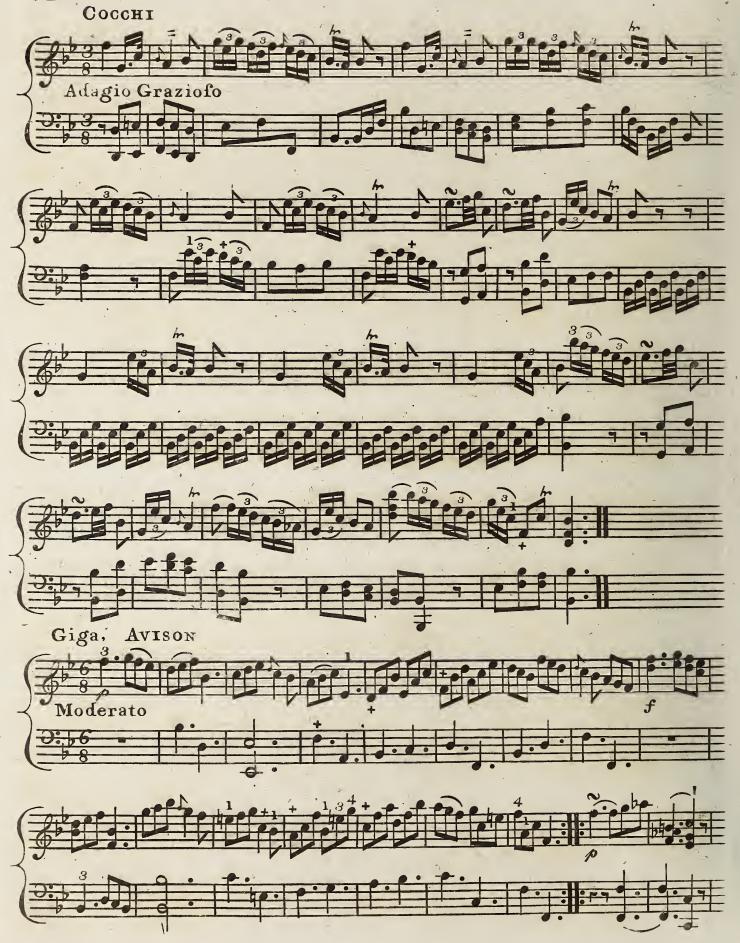














Key of Eb, with a Major or fharp Third.

